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Main Entry: **¹grind**

Pronunciation: 'grInd

Function: *verb*

Inflected Form(s): **ground** /'graund/; **grind·ing**

Etymology: Middle English, from Old English *grindan*; akin to Latin *frendere* to crush, grind

Date: before 12th century

transitive senses

- 1** : to reduce to powder or small fragments by friction (as in a mill or with the teeth)
 - 2** : to wear down, polish, or sharpen by friction <*grind* an ax>
 - 3 a** : **OPPRESS**, **HARASS** **b** : to weaken or destroy gradually -- usually used with *down* <poverty *ground* her spirit down>
 - 4 a** : to press together with a rotating motion <*grind* the teeth> **b** : to rub or press harshly <*ground* the cigarette out>
 - 5** : to operate or produce by turning a crank <*grind* a hand organ>
- intransitive senses*
- 1** : to perform the operation of grinding
 - 2** : to become pulverized, polished, or sharpened by friction
 - 3** : to move with difficulty or friction especially so as to make a grating noise <gears *grinding*>
 - 4** : **DRUDGE**, *especially* : to study hard <*grind* for an exam>
 - 5** : to rotate the hips in an erotic manner (as in a burlesque striptease)
- **grind·ing·ly** /'grIn-di[ng]-lE/ *adverb*

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